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I think that Microsoft is getting off with a slap on the wrist, if even that. They were found to have broken many laws, and I believe that their abuses go far beyond what the court found. They should be dealt with sternly, in a way that will prevent future abuses. They have not changed their ways, and unless they are severely penalized and watched over by someone with real power over them, they will continue to ruin innovative companies by putting them out of business or just stealing their technology. They are basically above the law, as they can outspend anyone in court (and it seems they even did that with the US government, as they are getting off with nothing more than a stern warning.)

Any settlement that Microsoft is willing to negotiate is too easy on them.

Please do not settle with them.

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